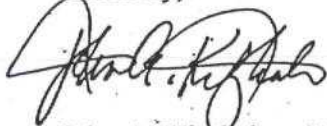


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I therefore urge you to take a very strong stand in your discussions with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that in mounting a defense in this lawsuit that you not prejudice the work of the States in TMDL development. We are in discussions with many constituencies throughout the State; including industry, municipalities, agriculture and forestry exhorting them to shoulder their share of the burden of returning our waters to standards compliance. To have the federal government argue that it should not have to shoulder its share would seriously prejudice our efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John A. Kitzhaber", written over a horizontal line.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.

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